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Title:	USE OF RNA INTERFERENCE FOR THE CREATION OF LINEAGE SPECIFIC ES AND OTHER UNDIFFERENTIATED CELLS AND PRODUCTION OF DIFFERENTIATED CELLS IN VITRO BY CO-CULTURE		

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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Dear Sir:

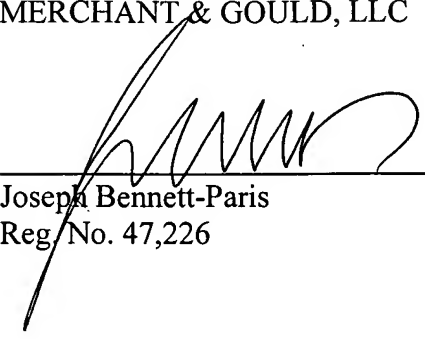
This paper is being submitted in response to the Restriction Requirement mailed August 11, 2004. Without acquiescing to the statements made therein, Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group I (claims 7 and 25-27) with traverse for prosecution in the instant application. Applicants submit that it would not be unduly burdensome, in the least, to search other Groups II and III, as the Examiner has not established that the subject matter of these claims is found in a separate classification. Moreover, a search of genetic engineering of cells is likely to uncover prior art concerning genetically engineering cells by knocking out a gene, recombinantly inserting a gene, and stably transfecting cells with oligonucleotides that encode an RNA

molecule that interferes with the expression of a gene. Examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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